

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 5, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, between lines 32 and 33, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 6, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 7, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Page 7, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 34, bridging pages 7 and 8, with the following amended paragraph:

--The combination 18 is applied to the threaded mouth of a bottle 20 (Figure 4) by conventional automatic machines. The stopper-skirt combination 18 is then made rigid with the bottle 20, again using conventional automatic machines, by a first step consisting of a rolling operation by which in the lateral surface of the metal stopper 18 a thread (not shown for simplicity) matching the external thread of the mouth of the bottle 20 is formed, and a second step consisting of completing the heat shrinkage of the skirt 16, which hence also adheres tightly to the relative part of the bottle 20, to essentially obtain the ~~stopper-~~

capsule attached combination 22 of attached stopper 10A and
attached skirt 16A shown in Figure 4.--